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Hello - This week, members of the EPA Bristol Bay watershed assessment team are gathering to talk with scientists and technical staff from other federal, state and tribal governments in Alaska. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss the status of EPA's Bristol Bay assessment with government partners and find out if there is additional technical or scientific information that should be incorporated into our work.

You can read the principles for the Bristol Bay Intergovernmental team. As you will read, the gathering this week is for a very specific audience. EPA will hold public meetings and take public comment next spring when the draft watershed assessment is available.

The presentations given this week will be posted on the EPA Bristol Bay website by the end of the day, Monday, August 15. Our work on the watershed assessment is in full swing, and these presentations represent a sample of where EPA is currently at in the evaluation, assessment and information gathering process. We have a lot of work left to do on the assessment, but we are making progress, especially on pulling together information about the current conditions of the watersheds.

If you want to find out more, check out the Frequently Asked Questions page. Please send us additional questions at r10bristolbay@epa.gov and we will do our best to get them answered.

Thank you for your interest in EPA's work in Bristol Bay.

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